

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A multimedia data retrieval method, comprising:

(a) managing each one of a plurality of multimedia data in relation to time information and location information respectively indicating a time and a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created;

(b) obtaining at least one of the time information and the location information corresponding to a retrieval request upon receiving the retrieval request specified by using event names of the events at which each multimedia data is originally created; and

(c) retrieving multimedia data from the plurality of multimedia data managed by the step (a), ~~according to~~ by using at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the step (b) as retrieval keys.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) obtains at least one of the time information and the location information corresponding to the retrieval request by referring to an index table that contains a plurality of event names and at least one of the time information and the location information that are related to each event name.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein the step (b) utilizes schedule data as the index table, by taking name information indicating schedule contents as the event names, date and time information of schedules as the time information, and place information of schedules as the location information.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) obtains at least one of the time information and the location information corresponding to the retrieval request from an index server by transmitting the retrieval request to the index server which has a function for obtaining at least one of the time information and the location information that are related to each event name.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

(d) obtaining at least one of the time information and the location information that are related to one multimedia data upon receiving a reverse look-up retrieval request specifying said one multimedia data; and

(e) retrieving event names according to at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the step (d) as a reverse look-up retrieval result.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the step (a) manages each multimedia data in relation to at least one of the time information and the location information which are automatically created in relation to a creation of each multimedia data.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A multimedia data retrieval device, comprising:

a data management unit configured to manage each one of a plurality of multimedia data in relation to at least one of time information and location information respectively indicating a time and a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created;

a processing unit configured to obtain at least one of the time information and the location information corresponding to a retrieval request upon receiving the retrieval request specified by using event names of the events at which each multimedia data is originally created; and

a data selection unit configured to retrieve multimedia data from the plurality of multimedia data managed by the data management unit, ~~according to~~ by using at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the processing unit as retrieval keys.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A computer usable medium having computer readable program codes embodied therein for causing a computer to function as a multimedia data retrieval device, the computer readable program codes include:

a first computer readable program code for causing said computer to manage each one of a plurality of multimedia data in relation to at least one of time information and location information respectively indicating a time and a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created;

a second computer readable program code for causing said computer to obtain at least one of the time information and the location information corresponding to a retrieval request upon receiving the retrieval request specified by using event names of the events at which each multimedia data is originally created; and

a third computer readable program code for causing said computer to retrieve multimedia data from the plurality of multimedia data managed by the first computer readable program code, ~~according to~~ by using at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the second computer readable program code as retrieval keys.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An index information providing method, comprising:

(a) receiving a retrieval request specified by using event names of events at which a desired multimedia data is originally created, through a network from a ~~requester~~ requestor;

(b) obtaining at least one of time information and location information corresponding to the retrieval request received by the step (a) according to the event names used in the retrieval request by referring to an index table that contains a plurality of event names and at least one of the time information and the location information that are related to each event name, the time information and the location information respectively indicating a time and a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created; and

(c) providing at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the step (b) as an index information, through the network to the requestor.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, wherein the index table includes a plurality of personal index tables and a common index table, and the step (b) obtains at least one of the time information and the location information by referring at least to one of the personal index table corresponding to the ~~requester~~ requestor and the common index table.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein the step (b) utilizes schedule data as the index table, by taking name information indicating schedule contents as the event names, date and time information of schedules as the time information, and place information of schedules as the location information.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An index server, comprising:
a request reception unit configured to receive a retrieval request specified by using event names of events at which a desired multimedia data is originally created, through a network from a ~~requester~~ requestor;

a processing unit configured to obtain at least one of time information and location information corresponding to the retrieval request received by the request reception unit according to the event names used in the retrieval request by referring to an index table that contains a plurality of event names and at least one of the time information and the location information that are related to each event name, the time information and the location information respectively indicating a time and a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created; and

an index information transmission unit configured to provide at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the processing unit as an index information, through the network to the ~~requester~~ requestor.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A computer usable medium having computer readable program codes embodied therein for causing a computer to function as an index server, the computer readable program codes include:

a first computer readable program code for causing said computer to receive a retrieval request specified by using event names of events at which a desired multimedia data is originally created, through a network from a ~~requester~~ requestor;

a second computer readable program code for causing said computer to obtain at least one of time information and location information corresponding to the retrieval request received by the first computer readable program code according to the event names used in the retrieval request by referring to an index table that contains a plurality of event names and at least one of the time information and the location information that are related to each event name, the time information and the location information respectively indicating a time and a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created; and

a third computer readable program code for causing said computer to provide at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the second computer readable program code as an index information, through the network to the ~~requester~~ requestor.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A multimedia data retrieval method, comprising:

(a) managing each one of a plurality of multimedia data in relation to at least one of time information and location information respectively indicating a time and a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created;

(b) receiving a retrieval request specified by using event names of events at which a desired multimedia data is originally created, through a network from a ~~requester~~ requestor;

(c) obtaining at least one of the time information and the location information corresponding to the retrieval request received by the step (b);

(d) retrieving multimedia data from the plurality of multimedia data managed by the step (a), ~~according to~~ by using at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the step (c) as retrieval keys; and

(e) providing the multimedia data retrieved by the step (d) as a retrieval result, through the network to the requestor.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 14, wherein the step (c) obtains at least one of the time information and the location information corresponding to the retrieval request by referring to an index table that contains a plurality of event names and at least one of the time information and the location information that are related to each event name.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 14, further comprising:

(f) obtaining at least one of the time information and the location information that are related to one multimedia data upon receiving a reverse look-up retrieval request specifying said one multimedia data; and

(g) retrieving event names according to at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the step (f) as a reverse look-up retrieval result.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A multimedia data retrieval server, comprising:

a data management unit configured to manage each one of a plurality of multimedia data in relation to at least one of time information and location information indicating a time and a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created;

a request reception unit configured to receive a retrieval request specified by using event names of events at which a desired multimedia data is originally created, through a network from a requestor;

a processing unit configured to obtain at least one of the time information and the location information corresponding to the retrieval request received by the request reception unit;

a data selection unit configured to retrieve multimedia data from the plurality of multimedia data managed by the data management unit, ~~according to~~ by using at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the processing unit as retrieval keys; and

a retrieval result transmission unit configured to provide the multimedia data retrieved by the data selection unit as a retrieval result, through the network to the ~~requester~~ requestor.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A computer usable medium having computer readable program codes embodied therein for causing a computer to function as a multimedia data retrieval server, the computer readable program codes include:

a first computer readable program code for causing said computer to manage each one of a plurality of multimedia data in relation to time information and location information respectively indicating a time and a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created;

a second computer readable program code for causing said computer to receive a retrieval request specified by using event names of events at which a desired multimedia data is originally created, through a network from a requestor;

a third computer readable program code for causing said computer to obtain at least one of the time information and the location information corresponding to the retrieval request received by the second computer readable program code;

a fourth computer readable program code for causing said computer to retrieve multimedia data from the plurality of multimedia data managed by the first computer readable program code, ~~according to~~ by using at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the third computer readable program code as retrieval keys; and

a fifth computer readable program code for causing said computer to provide the multimedia data retrieved by the fourth computer readable program code as a retrieval result, through the network to the requestor.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A method for providing an index information providing service from an index server to multimedia data retrieval devices which are connected through a network, each multimedia data retrieval device managing each one of a

plurality of multimedia data in relation to at least one of time information and location information respectively indicating a time and a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created, the method comprising:

(a) receiving a retrieval request specified by using event names of events at which a desired multimedia data is originally created, at the index server through the network from a requesting multimedia data retrieval device;

(b) obtaining at least one of the time information and the location information corresponding to the retrieval request received by the step (a) at the index server according to the event names used in the retrieval request by referring to an index table that contains a plurality of event names and at least one of the time information and the location information that are related to each event name; and

(c) providing at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the step (b) as an index information, from the index server through the network to the requesting multimedia data retrieval device, so as to enable the requesting multimedia data retrieval device to retrieve multimedia data from the plurality of multimedia data ~~according to~~ by using at least one of the time information and the location information obtained from the index server as retrieval keys.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A method for providing a multimedia data retrieval service from a multimedia data retrieval server to clients which are connected through a network, the method comprising:

(a) managing each one of a plurality of multimedia data at the multimedia data retrieval server in relation to at least one of time information and location information respectively indicating a time and a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created;

(b) receiving a retrieval request specified by using event names of events at which a desired multimedia data is originally created, at the multimedia data retrieval server through a network from a requesting client;

(c) obtaining at least one of the time information and the location information corresponding to the retrieval request received by the step (b) at the multimedia data retrieval server;

(d) retrieving multimedia data from the plurality of multimedia data managed by the step (a) at the multimedia data retrieval server, ~~according to~~ by using at least one of the time information and the location information obtained by the step (c) as retrieval keys; and

(e) providing the multimedia data retrieved by the step (d) as a retrieval result, from the multimedia data retrieval server through the network to the requesting client, so as to enable the requesting client to obtain the multimedia data matching with the retrieval request.